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DAILY BRIEF

South Vietnam: [New political conflicts may be shaping up as the High National Council proceeds with the planning for a provisional government.]

[The council may reach a consensus on a provisional chief of state, who seems likely to remain General Minh, and thus partially meet its late October deadline. The council has agreed that the new government must be primarily a civilian one.]

[The council's views appear to put it at odds with Premier Khanh, who appears interested in remaining premier. Differences between Khanh and General "Big" Minh, who is charged with directing the council's work, might become aggravated.]

[Khanh has mentioned the danger of neutralism developing out of the council's proceedings. He cites the presence of two members of the controversial Hué-centered Popular Revolutionary Force and notes they are serving at Minh's invitation.]

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Communist China - Cambodia: [Chinese Communist military aid to Cambodia has been increased]

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[The new aid agreement was announced by Sihanouk after he returned home on 8 October from a visit to Peiping. The arms he was promised represent a substantial expansion of the previous Chinese Communist military aid program and would be enough to equip as much as one fourth of Cambodia's total regular and paramilitary forces.]

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[the equipment will include small arms, antiaircraft and other artillery, as well as a new ordnance plant for the Cambodian Army.]

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[Before leaving for Peiping, the Cambodian leader had publicly stated his intention of pressing for increased military support from Communist China. Peiping may have offered this additional hardware in lieu of a more forthright public commitment to defend Cambodia. In the past, the Chinese have been willing only to pledge "all-out support" from the Chinese "people" in the event Cambodia were attacked by the US, South Vietnam, or Thailand.]

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Venezuela: [Yesterday's kidnapping of a senior American military officer in Caracas probably marks the beginning of a new terrorist offensive by the Communist-dominated Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN).]

[Communist and FALN activities of the past several days, which featured the exploding of small bombs loaded with propaganda leaflets, a hunger march, and the sabotaging of communication lines, were apparently warm-up exercises.]

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[Meanwhile, the air and sea search for a rumored "Cuban expedition" has yielded negative results.]

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NOTES

Nonaligned Conference: The conference appears to have split into two groups. One is led by Egypt, Yugoslavia, Ceylon, and India, and is playing up co-existence among all powers great and small, while the other is led by Indonesia, Ghana and Guinea, and is stressing active opposition to the former "imperialist" powers. 25X1

an Indian proposal for sending a mission to urge Communist China to desist from nuclear testing will probably be broadened to authorize missions to Moscow and Washington, so as to make it generally acceptable. 25X1

Netherlands-Indonesia: The Hague and Djakarta have taken further steps to normalize their relations. Indonesia has agreed to make an advance payment of approximately \$10 million as partial compensation for Dutch properties nationalized in the late fifties. Discussions aimed at working out a final settlement are due to begin later this month. The two governments have also agreed in principle to regular meetings of their foreign ministers. 25X1

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